



November 30, 2023

Honorable Mayor David Ruth  
City of Deadwood  
102 Sherman Street  
Deadwood, SD 57732

RE: Agreement with Prairie Hills Transit to provide Demand Response public transportation

Mayor Ruth and commissioners,

On November 30, 2023, Lisa Johnson, Deputy Director, and I met with Justin Lux and Tom Riley to discuss an agreement for Prairie Hills Transit (PHT) to provide Demand Response public transportation for Deadwood residents. Demand response is any non-fixed route system of transporting individuals that requires advanced scheduling by the customers. PHT vehicles are capable of providing service for individuals with disabilities.

At present PHT provides trips for transportation in communities surrounding Deadwood and would easily be able to accommodate the additional trips for the Deadwood residents. These trips could be in town or between Deadwood and Lead. Suggest hours are 8:00-4:00 Monday through Friday with some flexibility as requested. Additional trips are available to Rapid City M, T, W, F, and Spearfish on Thursdays. Advance 24-hour scheduling allows PHT to remain non-competitive with the local taxis.

In-town trips are \$2.00 each way and trips between Rapid and Deadwood or Spearfish and Deadwood are \$10.00 each way. PHT can provide fare-free medical trips for persons who are transportation-eligible through the Medicaid program. Those trips can be to any approved medical provider. If a passenger has an attendant who needs to help them on their trip, the attendant ride is free.

Per the Federal Transportation guidelines, we are required to request every community and county to provide annual financial support to meet the Federal dollars that PHT receives. The local match PHT is requesting from the City of Deadwood is an annual amount of \$3,500.00 which is the same as the City of Lead for 2024.

PHT encourages representation on the PHT Governing Board. The Governing Board meets quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 am in the Spearfish Regional Facility Conference Room.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barb".

Barbara K. Cline, Executive Director  
Prairie Hills Transit